

eliminate two teams prior to the start of the 2002 season. If the owners have their way, two communities that have poured their hearts and money into their teams and stadiums will be feeling worse than the residents of Mudville after the mighty Casey struck out—at least the fans of the Mudville nine were able to look forward to next year.

The Give Fans a Chance Act of 2001 gives communities a voice when sports team owners attempt to relocate or eliminate a team. This legislation recognizes the fact that professional sports teams are an integral part of the fabric that makes up our communities. Fans often have more than just an emotional attachment to their teams. Taxpayers frequently pay hundreds of millions of dollars to finance stadiums to keep teams in place. For example, in Houston, the public financed \$180 million of the \$250 million Enron Field. In Seattle, Safeco Field was constructed at a cost of over \$500 million with \$340 million publicly financed. Additionally, fans spend millions of dollars on tickets, merchandise, and other services surrounding the operation of franchises.

There probably has never been a better example of the link between the spirit of a community and its sports teams than New York. The Yankees, Mets, Giants, Jets, Islanders, Rangers, and Knicks have all helped bring the community together and deal with the tragedy that struck the city on September 11, 2001. The memorable World Series just completed between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees has in fact helped the nation heal in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

The Give Fans a Chance Act accomplishes three important objectives. The bill: (1) eliminates league rules that disallow public ownership of sports team franchises; (2) gives communities a voice in team relocation decisions; and (3) ties broadcast antitrust exemptions to the bill's requirements.

This legislation makes professional sports leagues and their team owners appropriately consider the communities of which they are a part. Taxpayers and fans contribute soul and money to the teams of their communities and they deserve a voice when the threat of team relocation or elimination steps into the batter's box.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. JAMES BARNER

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear friends, the Barner family, who have worked as West Tennessee dairy farmers for more than four decades.

James and Lois Barner, married for 53 years now, began dairying on a farm in Kenton, TN, more than 40 years ago. Eight years later, they moved their operation to nearby Martin, TN, which has been home to Barner & Sons Dairy ever since.

The couple's three sons Donnie, Ray, and Doug now oversee most of the dairy farm's daily operations, but James and Lois Barner continue to help with the over 500 head of Holstein cattle currently raised at the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Barner have four grandsons and two

granddaughters, whom they hope are the start of a third generation of successful Barner dairy farmers. Mr. Barner has said two of his grandsons, Dusty and Cody, often help with chores around the dairy.

The Barners often open the farm for hands-on lessons for visiting agriculture students from the University of Tennessee at Martin, as well as students visiting from nearby elementary and secondary schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. James Barner and their family for their years of hard work on their Weakley County dairy farm and their dedicated service to their West Tennessee neighbors.

226TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the United States Marine Corps in celebration of the Corps' 226th birthday. As our Nation reacts to the terrorist attacks of September 11, our armed forces have been asked to fight the first war of the 21st Century, a war like no other America has had to endure.

Marine Corps personnel are not adverse to new types of war, making up America's unique capability of an amphibious fighting force from the sea. United States Marines are symbols to the world of American honor, strength and character. Their lineage tells a story of the most difficult wars and conflicts the United States has ever fought.

I am honored to represent active duty, reserve, retired and former Marines in the 4th Congressional District of Florida. Their contribution to the local communities and overall mission of the armed forces enables the citizens of this great nation to reap the benefits of freedom.

The active duty Marines in my district perform the vital mission of supporting forward deployed Marine Corps personnel with sustainable wartime supplies out of Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, FL. These Marines are tasked with coordinating and executing a supply chain of warfighting tools required to perform their combat amphibious mission.

On November 10, the Marine Corps will celebrate the birth of an organization with a heroic legacy of protecting the values that built this great Nation. As we celebrate this birthday let us also remember those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

To all Marines, I say Happy Birthday and offer the words of Admiral Nimitz regarding the make up of a United States Marine, "Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

HONORING MARIE GALLO

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marie Gallo as American Legion Post

No. 74's "Man of the Year." It is a distinct privilege to recognize Marie as a fine example of selfless service on behalf of her community.

It was once said that Marie Gallo is a giver, always. She is determined that her life has a purpose, and she sweeps the rest of us along with her. No project is too enormous; no challenge goes unmet.

The list of service organizations that she belongs to is impressive. She has been honored by the Modesto Symphony Guild for her many years of support and faithful service on the Board of Directors. Like the Gallo Foundation and other family members who support countless causes in Modesto, she's often a silent benefactor. As a board member she instituted the very successful "Picnic at the Pops" on the grounds of the Gallo Winery and is responsible for instituting the Symphony Guild's "Holiday Overture" which is held at the Gallo Winery administration building during the holiday season.

Marie is also involved in community activities including chairing projects, hosting luncheons, serving on boards, and ringing Salvation Army bells. She is a driving force behind funding and building the Gallo Performing Arts Center in Modesto.

She has been honored by the Anti Defamation League for her work in bringing all races and classes of people together. She is a founding member of the Auxiliary of the Sisters of the Cross and was instrumental in bringing the contemplative order to Stanislaus County. She also belongs to the Catholic Social Service Guild and Father John Silva Education Foundation.

Marie and her husband, Bob, along with their eight children have set examples for our communities to follow. I am proud to call Marie my friend and honor her for service to our community. I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in honoring Marie Gallo.

STATEMENT OF GRATITUDE

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, the events of the past months have changed both our world and our lives. Without warning, this country's civilians found themselves on the front lines in the war against terrorism. But our American spirit has prevailed. Though unprecedented obstacles continue to confront us, Americans have joined together to overcome these difficulties. Where terrorists hoped to divide us in chaos, our dedication to persevere made us stronger than ever.

The Members and staff of the House Administration Committee along with the Chief Administrative Officer and his staff, the Attending Physician, and our friends at the General Accounting Office made a vital contribution to battling the recent terrorist strike on our country. When a suspicious letter containing anthrax caused members of Senate Majority Leader TOM DASCHLE, Senator RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD's staff, and members of the Capitol Police Department to test positive for exposure, the Capitol complex closed so that an environmental sweep of the buildings could be conducted as a precautionary measure. While the Congressional office buildings remained

closed much longer than had been originally expected, thanks to everyone's efforts, Congress itself was able to remain active and not fulfill the terrorists' goals.

I want to thank everyone who assisted in allowing my staff to conduct business from the GAO offices while our own offices in the Longworth building were closed. Because of their generosity and flexibility, the criminals behind the spread of anthrax failed in their attempt to disrupt democracy and bring the American government to a halt. In this way, they played an important role in the ongoing war on terrorism. I greatly appreciate their willingness to accept some inconveniences in order to achieve a greater goal—to keep America working.

MY AMERICA

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, we are fortunate to have talented people all across this Country who are able to take the patriotism and appreciation each of us feel for America, our freedoms and liberty and translate them into word and song. Among those talented folk is Gary Davis, who I have had the pleasure of knowing for many years, and whose singing and songwriting career I have had the pleasure of following.

I proudly commend the lyrics of Gary's song, "My America," to my colleagues as a wonderful expression of what makes our Country so great.

MY AMERICA

"She's always there to lend a hand
Where evil forces breed
An' she's the last to turn away
A friend in time of need
Her shoulders bear the burden
Of the helpless and the weak
That's why I love My America
"Her flag is first in battle
For the cause of liberty
Her children die on distant shores
So others' may live free
She's suffered more for freedom
Still, she turns the other cheek
And, that's why I love My America
"Her spirit never waivers
And, her heroes never cease
Her awesome wrath is tethered
By her greater love for peace
Her arms embrace the weary,
The hopeless, and the meek
And, that's why I love My America
(That's why I love My America)
"With her enduring courage
And, God's almighty hand
She'd storm the fiery gates of hell
And boldly, take command
Her victory bells would tell the world
'United, We Will Stand'
And, that's why I love My America."
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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
IRELAND

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the gentlelady's motion.

Last year Mrs. LOWEY and I, working with Chairman CALLAHAN, Mr. WALSH and Speaker HASTERT were successful in obtaining an appropriation of \$25 million for the International Fund for Ireland. Funding for this project has never been as integral to the viability of a lasting peace in Northern Ireland, as it is right now.

Since the creation of the Northern Ireland Assembly, the practice of crisis politics has been the norm, more often than the exception. In recent days, however, the Nationalists and the Unionists have finally arrived at a point that will allow them to move forward.

I commend the IRA for their historic announcement of disarmament.

I would also like to express my support for the election of Mark Durkan as Deputy First Minister, and the reelection of David Trimble as First Minister.

After several difficult days, I am pleased to see that the parties have resolved the latest impasse and returned to the bargaining table.

Despite the tremendous strides that have been made by both sides in Northern Ireland, it is difficult to celebrate these achievements while people are still being murdered in the streets of Belfast. When Ulster political leaders disagree, they debate, vote, and sometimes walk away from the bargaining table. When Unionists and Nationalists on the ground disagree, people die.

The International Fund for Ireland promotes contact, cooperation and reconciliation between Unionists and Nationalists in Northern Ireland.

By working together on issues of mutual concern such as building a strong economy, and maintaining safe neighborhoods, the fund helps secure peace where it must begin. Through person to person contact.

IFI is a crucial instrument in ending the cycle of hate and violence that has consumed Northern Ireland for far too long. Therefore, it is essential that the Committee continue to fund IFI in the amount of \$25 million, and support the stronger language passed in the House version of this bill. The future of the children of Northern Ireland hangs in the balance. We cannot let them down.

I urge my colleagues to support this motion.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID R. HOLMES

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor David R. Holmes, an outstanding civic leader in Dayton, Ohio, within my district. David's vision, energy, and commitment have been a driving force for development in Dayton during the last decade, especially in the downtown area.

David was a founder and co-chairman of the Downtown Dayton Partnership. This nonprofit

organization was established in 1991 to expand business in downtown Dayton and to make the city center a more pleasant place to live, work, and shop. The Partnership has also supported expanding cultural and entertainment opportunities in downtown.

David also served as chairman of the RiverScape Development Team and helped raise \$28 million to revitalize the downtown river front area. The result is a beautiful scenic and recreational area along the Great Miami River that offers a variety of activities, programming, and sites, including a fountain that shoots streams of water 200 feet in the air as a backdrop for laser shows.

Under his direction, Reynolds and Reynolds spent millions of dollars restoring historic buildings in downtown Dayton near the company headquarters.

Several years ago, David asked to meet with me to generate support for the RiverScape project. I was deeply impressed with his plans and I immediately agreed to help. Looking back now, it is easy to forget that in those days it took a lot of courage to put so much energy into downtown Dayton development when so many people thought it was a lost cause.

David's other civic contributions include chairing Dayton's 1992 United Way campaign, one of the most successful United Way drives in Dayton history. He served on numerous boards of directors of local charitable and educational organizations.

David is currently chairman of the board for The Reynolds and Reynolds Company. He served as president and chief executive officer from 1989 until May 1999. At the same time he donated his time to Dayton, he was an outstanding businessman, leading Reynolds and Reynolds through explosive growth.

Tomorrow, on November 9, 2001, the Downtown Dayton Partnership will honor David during a ceremony at Dayton's RiverScape. I offer him my congratulations and thanks for the work he has done on behalf of our community. However, the real monument to his achievement is not our words, but the landscape of Dayton that will be forever changed because of his efforts.

VETERANS DAY

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 8, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, Abraham Lincoln once said "let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." President Lincoln was no stranger to the price of liberty. The largest war on American soil was fought before his eyes.

During this time when Americans are again answering the call to protect our beloved nation, it is imperative the House appropriately recognize and thank those who so valiantly and selflessly served this great nation.

The comforts and prosperity enjoyed today have been dearly purchased with American blood. Freedom, justice, and liberty are more than mere slogans. They are principles that have drawn the ire of America's enemies beginning with King George and the British Army.